

# TWO SHACKERS ARE HOME TODAY

## And Both Bring Good Salt Cod Fares From Grand Banks.

With a dandy salt cod fare, sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William Thomas arrived shortly before noon today, hailing for 140,000 pounds salt cod, which is one of the season's fine trips of the shacking fleet.

Another fare is that of sch. Imperator, Capt. Freeman Decker, with 130,000 pounds salt cod, 12,000 pounds fresh fish, 1000 weight of fresh halibut and two swordfish.

The only other off shore arriving during the forenoon was sch. Corsair from a salt drifting trip.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey arrived in Boston yesterday afternoon with a halibut fare of 8000 pounds, which he sold at T dock. Capt. Dunskey had 20,000 pounds of hake, 20,000 pounds of cusk and three swordfish besides, part of which was brought down here to split. Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes is down from Boston with 85,000 pounds of fresh fish to split.

Outside of several of the seining fleet in, a number of the gasliners took small sized pollock fares out in the bay yesterday, which sold fresh at the Port.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Imperator, shacking, 130,000 lbs. salt cod, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1000 lbs. fresh halibut, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rob Roy, seining.

Sch. Eglantine, seining, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Albert, seining.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining, 15 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Clontonia, seining, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Sch. Alert, seining.

Str. Independence, seining, 3000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Yankee, seining, 1200 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Bessie A., seining, 2400 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sloop Sarah, 1500 lbs. fresh mixed fish.

Str. Lnkknown, 2000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, via Boston.

Sch. Arthur James, seining.

Sch. Romance, seining, 32 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Grand Bank, 140,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Corsair, salt drifting.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mohawk, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. Geisha, seining.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, seining.

Sch. Selma, halibuting.

# PRETTY QUIET AT T WHARF

## Arrivals Few and Swordfish in Leading Role Bring Good Price.

T wharf had a rather quiet morning the arrivals being few and prices low.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Juno arrived with a fare of 87,000 pounds and sch. Nettie Franklin with 35,000 pounds.

Three swordfishermen with a total of 157 fish, constituted the morning receipts, the dealers paying 10½ cents a pound for them.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.75 a hundred weight for haddock, \$3 for large cod, \$2.50 for markets and \$1 for hake.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Juno, 500 haddock, 6500 cod, 40,000 hake, 40,000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 30,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 200 hake, 400 halibut.

Sch. Earl and Nettie, 56 swordfish.

Sch. Salsuntala, 57 swordfish.

Sch. Maxwell, 44 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2.50; swordfish, 10 1-2 cents per lb.

# MACKEREL ARE KEEPING HID

The mackerel prospects at the present time are anything but encouraging, and the incoming seiners report the worst kind of luck, having seen but few, if any fish for several days.

The fish seemed to have struck off or eluded the fleet, for not only have the little steamers missed them, but the traps have been getting nothing of late.

Yesterday several of the seiners were in, some having fish, but in small amounts. Sch. Eglantine had five barrels of salt mackerel, sch. Mary E. Harty, 16 barrels, sch. Marguerite Haskins, 25 barrels and sch. Clontonia, 5 barrels.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Monarch sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at \$14.50 a barrel, it being an advance of 50 cents per barrel over the last sales.

This morning, salt mackerel still took a further raise, the 32 barrel fare of sch. Romance, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, selling to Fred Bradley for \$15 a barrel for mediums and \$6 for blinks.

Yesterday the fare of sch. Speculator, consisting of 28 barrels, sold to Mr. Bradley for \$14.50 a barrel.

# THE FISHERIES OUTLOOK AT N. S.

Says the Halifax Herald: Not all sunshine is seen in the presence on our coast of large schools of small mackerel that are falling prey to the traps and seines to the southward, from Yarmouth down to Massachusetts. They run about four to a pound and the skippers say it is a shame to take them, not only because they are not large enough to produce a fair profit, but also that being of this year's brood they would, if left alone attain a weight of a pound and a half in six months more. They are difficult to cure and cannot be kept in ice long enough to prevent softening and keep them marketable. Additionally the fish-buyers bewail the fact that the advent of the young tinkers in large numbers has accentuated the depression in mackerel prices.

Codfish are being taken east of Halifax, though none are reported at Canso. From the port to Halifax the fishing is said to be good. Yesterday morning a schooner came into the harbor hailing for a clear ton of fresh cod and 11 halibut, caught on trawls set off Musquodoboit.

Just now there is a good run of haddock round Prospect and the fishermen are doing well, but are considerably handicapped by the great dearth in bait. Some herring were secured three days ago, but none since, and the news from Canso is far from encouraging. General commendation is given the action of the minister of marine and fisheries in arranging for the distribution of bait news from the different ports and published in The Halifax Herald and posted for the fishermen's information. The value of these telegraphed bulletins would be difficult to measure, but it is said that the senders of the messages might do better if instead of saying "bait plentiful" they would convey some idea of the actual quantity of bait available or being caught for the day. Then masters of fishing schooners would know whether there would be sufficient bait at a port for the home fleet's consumption or enough to be sold to schooners making special trips there for bait.

Last Saturday the first swordfish to appear in Nova Scotian waters was sighted in the Eastern Passage by MasNab's Island. A boatman got a dart into the big fellow but was unable to complete the capture. This is the forerunner of the annual visitation of the "swords" to our shores and the fishermen are making plans for fitting out to prosecute this industry. Gloucester craft are doing well with them and fair prices are offered.

The dread dogfish continue to menace the inshore fishery and are seen almost the entire length of the coast-line.

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July 25.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.****Salt Fish.**

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.  
 Drift codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75.  
 Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.  
 Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.  
 Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.  
 Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
 Hake, \$1.50.  
 Pollock, \$1.50.  
 Haddock, \$1.50.  
 Flitched halibut, 8 3-4 cents per lb.  
 Shore salt mackerel, \$14 per bbl.

**Fresh Fish.**

Splitting prices:  
 Haddock, 90c per cwt.  
 Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
 Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
 All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
 Hake, 90c.  
 Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
 Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 70c.  
 Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.  
 Fresh shad, \$2.30 per bbl.  
 Fresh mackerel, 22c each for large, 10c for medium, 5c per lb., for tinkers.  
 Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl., for bait; \$1 to freezer; 75c to salt.  
 Bank halibut, 10 1-2 cts. for white and 8 1-2 cents for gray.

**PORT OF GLOUCESTER.****Arrivals.**

Sch. Hazel Dell, Boston, salt for Fred Bradley.

**On the Railways.**

Schs. Romance, Jennie H. Gilbert, and sloop Laura Enos are on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman is on Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Edith Silveria and sloop Azorian are on Burnham Brothers' railways.

**Caught Big Sunfish.**

One of the biggest sunfish ever caught off the Atlantic coast was landed at T wharf, Boston, Wednesday, from the little fishing sch. Elva L. Spurling, Capt. James O'Neil.

The monster, weighing more than 1000 pounds, was harpooned Monday off Cape Cod by Capt. O'Neil while hunting for swordfish. When measured at T wharf yesterday, the big fish, looking more like a sea turtle, was found to be eight feet in length and nearly six feet wide. The big fellow is such a curiosity that it is probable he will be stuffed and placed on exhibition.

Capt. O'Neil said the lookout spied the sunfish swimming lazily about the surface. The little schooner put about, sailing as near as possible, and Capt. O'Neil caught him with the first throw of the harpoon. The catch was only half begun, however, for the sunfish put up a stiff fight for his life. Both line and harpoon barb held and with the aid of a block and tackle and the assistance of several members of the crew, the big fellow was hoisted aboard, there to struggle and puff for several hours.

**Field Ice in Straits.**

The Elder Dempster liner Kwarra, which arrived at Montreal, July 15, from Newcastle, to load here for South African ports, came through the Straits of Belle Isle, and Captain Davies reported that the conditions there have greatly improved from what they were known to be only a short time ago.

Although bergs are still fairly numerous, numbering about 200 when the Kwarra came through, the field ice has practically disappeared, and the bergs are only small, none of those left being more than 70 or 80 feet in height.

**News of Labrador Fishery.**

Yesterday afternoon the Reid Company had their wireless from Capt. Jacob Kean of the Invermore:

"Arrived at Hawke's Harbor 11 a. m. Light S. W. wind, fine and clear. From Batteau to Webber's Cove, good fishing this morning for traps. All the schooners have left the Straits for north. With favorable weather expect to reach St. John's Sunday."—St. John's, N. F., Herald, July 21.

**Fishing Good at Belle Isle.**

Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Goodridge received the following message Saturday from Minister Piccot on board the Invermore: "Called at Belle Isle; Jerrett's crew on Prospero; fishery good, schooners from 200 to 300; foggy, no ice around will report later conditions along the coast.—St. John's, N. F., Herald, July 14.

**Has Grown Rapidly.**

The Fishermen's Union, started in St. John's, N. F., three years ago, now has a membership of 16,000.

**Great Britain's Fisheries.**

As a source of the nation's food supply the fisheries of Great Britain are second only in importance to agriculture. Statistics show that some 25,000 boats are engaged in British fisheries, which employ crews of over 100,000 men and boys. The value of fish landed from British boats exceeds \$53,532,000 annually, of which more than one-half are exported.

A law has just been passed in France prohibiting the import of canned salmon and other fish, unless stamped on the top or bottom of the tin with the name of the country of origin, in characters of four millimeters. The law will probably be promulgated in a few days, and will come into force 12 months after promulgation. As it will apply to salmon imported and in stock after that date, it is advisable to have the necessary dies made at once.

**A Marine Imposter.**

A dispatch from Christchurch, New Zealand, announces that the officers of a coasting steamer saw a sea serpent between Tolago bay and Gisborne. The serpent was swimming slowly with "a sinuous, snake-like movement. There were three large fins on his back; his sides were covered with white barnacles and the head was large and square. A school of porpoises accompanied him. This is, indeed, a spurious article, a rank imposter, whose very make-up betrays him. The original, genuine, seaserpent, seen every season off Nahant and Gloucester, moves swiftly and makes a hissing noise like the escape of steam. His head is like unto a barrel. And there are no barnacles on him.—Philip Hale in "As the World Wags" in the Boston Herald.

**Broke Bait Act—Fined.**

A message from Inspector O'Reilly to the Customs Department this morning advises that Edward Bidel, of St. Pierre, was arrested at Grand Bank on Friday last, and charged, before Magistrate Forsey, by the Inspector, with a breach of the fishery regulations in exporting salt squid without a license. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, which sum was paid. The Fica is at Harbor Breton today coaling.—St. John's, N. F., Herald, July 14.

July 25.

## NEWFOUNDLAND FISH REPORT

The following report of fishing conditions have recently been received by the St. John's, N. F., Board of Trade:

July 1st, from J. Kennedy (Hr. Main North Point to South River)—The total catch of codfish is 70 qtls. and for last week 20. Four traps are in the water and one dory fishing, but no boats. No bankers or schooners from the grounds have yet arrived. Prospects are poor looking for this time of year. There is a plentiful supply of caplin for bait. None of the men are lobster fishing. Three weeks ago there was a much better sign of codfish than during last week and the outlook for the traps or hook and liners is not at all encouraging.

July 12th, from C. C. Pittman, (Muddy Hole to Allan's Island)—37 traps are out, and 30 dories and skiffs, but no boats are fishing. The total catch of codfish is 1750 qtls., and for last week, 300. No bankers or schooners from the grounds have arrived. There is plenty of caplin, but nothing is being done by hook and liners. The lobster fishery is very poor. The weather recently has been favorable for fishery operations.

July 12th, from B. A. Brazil, (Island Rock to Point Rosy)—No traps are in the water but 16 dories and skiffs with 7 boats are fishing. Cod fishery prospects are poor at Garnish. The total catch is 350 qtls. and for last week 100. Caplin is plentiful for bait purposes. The lobster catch is practically nil. There is plenty of codfish seen down the shore and at Point Rosy about 100 qtls. were taken during the week by cod-hets.

## TRAWL BANK COD ARE UP AGAIN

Salt trawl bank cod took a rise yesterday, when the Gloucester Salt Fish Company purchased the salt cod fare of sch. Laverna, Capt. Albert Larkin, paying \$4.25 a hundred for large and \$3.75 a hundred for medium. This is an advance of 25 cents a hundred all around, over the market price.

July 26.

## RUN UP PRICE OF HALIBUT

**Small Lot of Georges Brought  
13 Cts. for White and  
10 for Gray.**

Halibut brought the highest prices for several weeks yesterday, sch. W. H. Moody from Georges, bringing 2000 pounds, which sold to the New England Fish Company at 13 cents a pound for white and 10 cents for grays. The Moody had 18,000 pounds of handline cod besides.

Sch. Corsair which arrived yesterday from drifting had 45,000 pounds salt cod, while sch. Juno, down from Boston, brought 20,000 pounds fresh fish to split.

Sch. Diana arrived from seining this forenoon, having three barrels salt tinker and 25 barrels salt medium mackerel.

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Sch. Corsair, salt drifting, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, handlining, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Diana, seining, 25 bbls. salt medium mackerel, 3 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.

Sch. Agnes, seining.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Eglantine, seining.

Sch. Lillian, seining.

Sch. Florida, swordfishing.

Str. Ethel, seining.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, haddocking.

Sch. Elector, New Bedford.

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Pollock, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Flitted halibut, 83-4 cents per lb.

Shore salt mackerel, \$15 per bbl for medium; \$6 for blinks.

## NOTHING IN BUT SWORDFISH

**So T Wharf Dealers Can  
Leave Early for Their  
Great Outing.**

Business was pretty quiet at T wharf, Boston, today as all the dealers were very glad to learn when they opened their stalls this morning, for the whole wharf is scheduled to move early in day, temporarily, however, to Nahant, where the Boston Wholesale Fish Buyers' Association are to have an outing today.

Only three trips were in, all swordfishermen. Sch. Katie L. Palmer brought 106 fish, the Two Brothers, 44, and the Albert W. Black, 130.

Capt. Fred Bickford of the Palmer believes he holds the record for the best day's swordfishing for several years at least, the little craft having taken 63 fish in one day, four days ago.

Wholesale dealers paid 10 cents a pound for swordfish this morning.

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Sch. Albert W. Black, 130 swordfish.

Sch. Katie L. Palmer, 106 swordfish.

Sch. Two Brothers, 44 swordfish.

Swordfish, 10 cents per lb.

## PORTLAND BIDS FOR HALIBUT

Local fishermen report fish unusually scarce in all directions, but the beam trawlers do not experience any difficulty in getting all they want, says the Portland Argus. The Ripple was in Thursday with 107,000 pounds of mixed fish for the Burnham & Morrill factory, while four others were in Boston on Wednesday with fares aggregating 300,000 pounds. With the three new steamers just contracted for by the Bay State Fishing Company of Boston that concern will have a fleet of nine steam trawlers in operation in the course of a few months, and if their catches continue of the present proportions the problem of cheap sea food is likely to be solved. What effect the new system of fishing will have on the ordinary market fishermen is a matter of doubt, but shore fishermen generally are fearful as to the result.